



Mechanical constitutive behaviour of masonry using digital image correlation

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Context



INTRODUCTION
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EXPERIMENTAL
WORK ON
MASONRY



CONCLUSIONS
AND
PERSPECTIVES

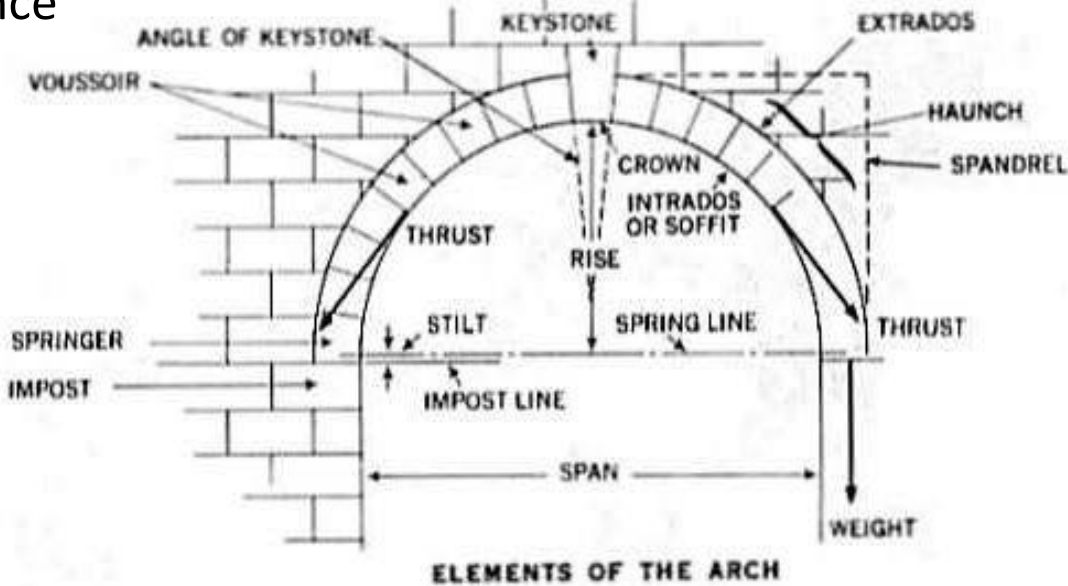


Definition and history of masonry arches

- A masonry arch is a curved structural element that spans an opening.
- It can sustain loads solely by virtue of compressions.



UNESCO world heritage sites
-Amphitheatre of El Jem, Tunisia
- Pont du gard, France



Problematic of thesis subject

Many masonry structures have suffered from the accumulated effects of material degradation, aging, overloading, and foundation settlements.



Road bridge Arquata

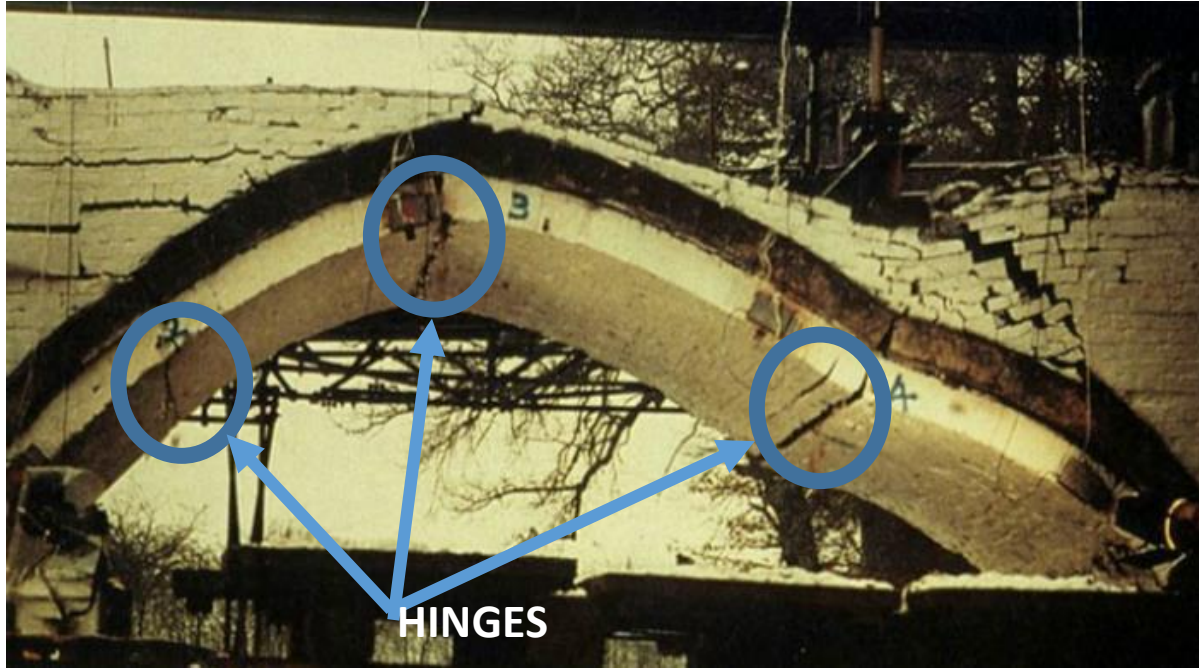


Pedestrian bridge Peru

The preservation of these structures requires the definition of an efficient requalification method. There are still many parameters lacking in literature for better experimental characterization of masonry structures in view of numerical modeling.

Problematic of thesis subject

FEM allows the analysis of structural behavior in service and ultimate load states
the obtained results depends on the quality of input parameters and boundary conditions.



The Prestwood bridge

the approaches require a precise definition of the constitutive laws under all
loading conditions

Damage to follow the degradation of the bearing capacity until the failure.

Literature review

The use of PWM tools (strain gauges, LVDT's, transponders) for displacement and strain measurement

Coupling LVDT's along the axis of loading of the specimen. This method gives an idea of the constitutive behavior but remains difficult to integrate



Thaickavil et al. 2018



Ricamato et al. 2007



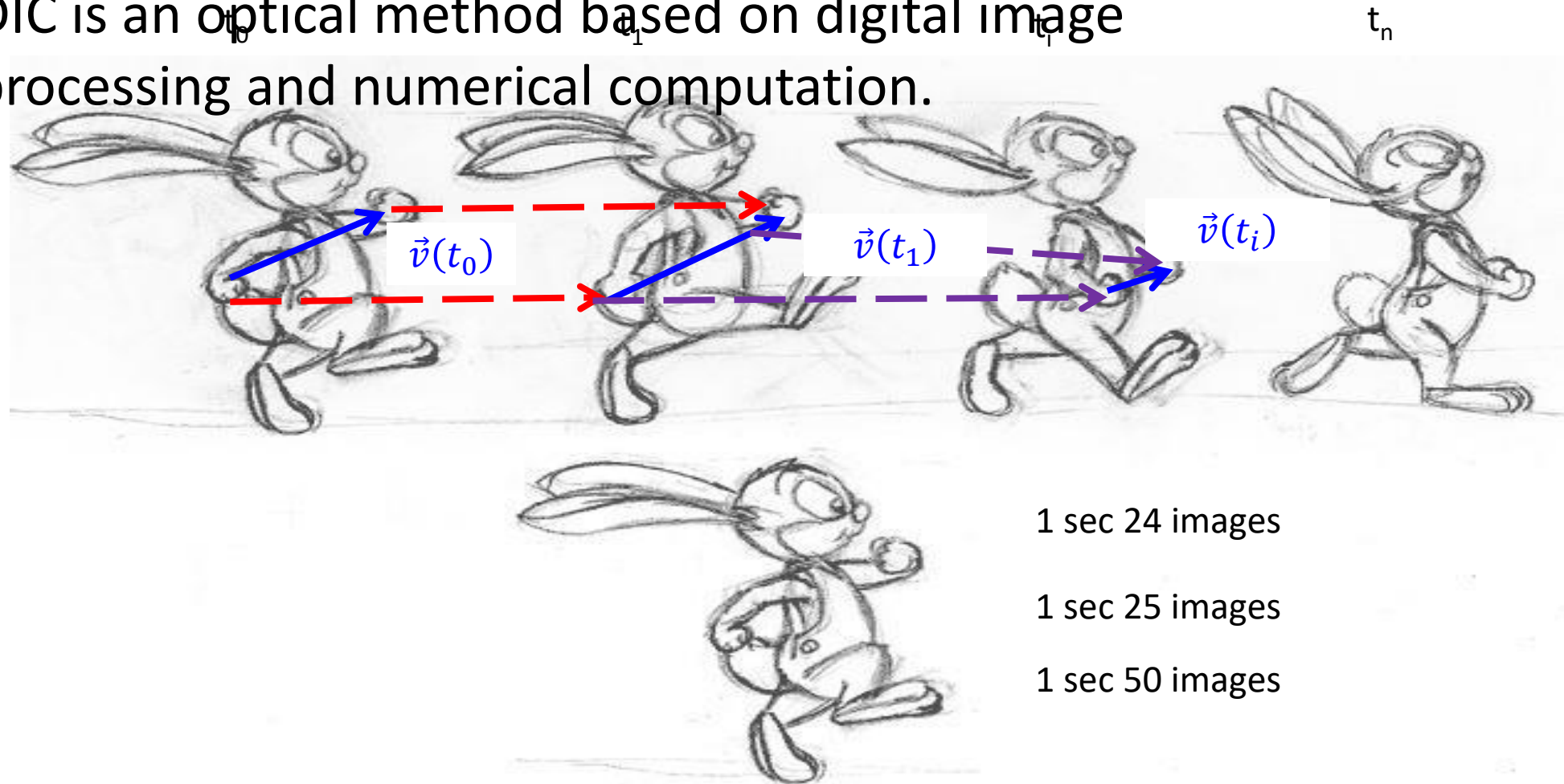
Thamboo et al. 2019



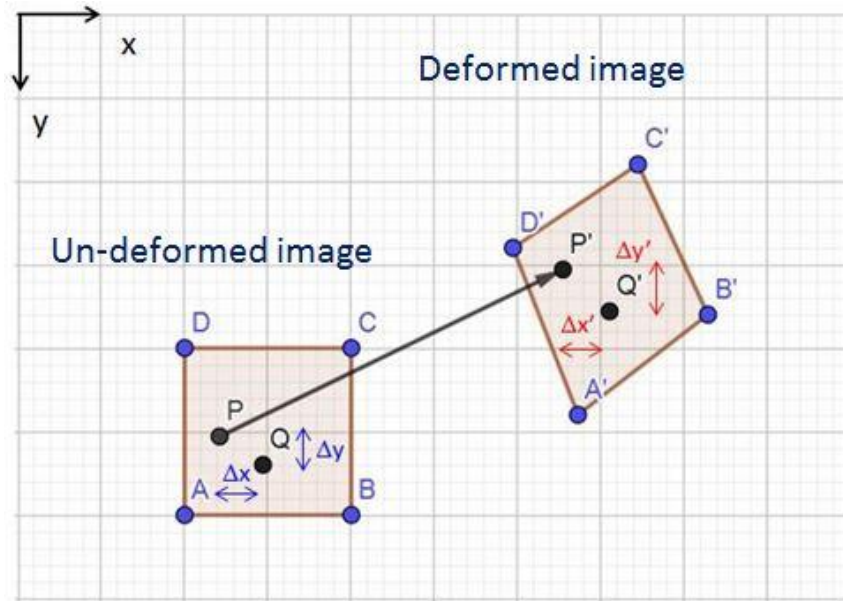
Domède et al. 2009

Definition of digital image correlation

DIC is an optical method based on digital image processing and numerical computation.



DIC computation technique

Principle.

- Uses stochastic patterns in the reference stage to compute evolution of motion
- Compares digital image of the specimen's surface in the un-deformed(reference) stage with the deformed state.

$$[E] = \frac{1}{2} \left([F]^T [F] - [I] \right)$$

E: Green-Lagrange strain tensor

F: Deformation Gradient tensor

I: Unit tensor

Materials and specimens



Mortar specimen



Fired clay bricks

Components (g/cm ³)	Mortar's compositions				
	Mortar -M1	Mortar- M2	Mortar- M3	Mortar- M4	Mortar- M5
Cement	500	350	250	150	0
Lime	0	150	250	350	500
Water	275	325	350	350	350
Sand	1387	1336	1132	1312	1312
W/B ratio	0.55	0.65	0.7	0.7	0.7

Experimental campaign

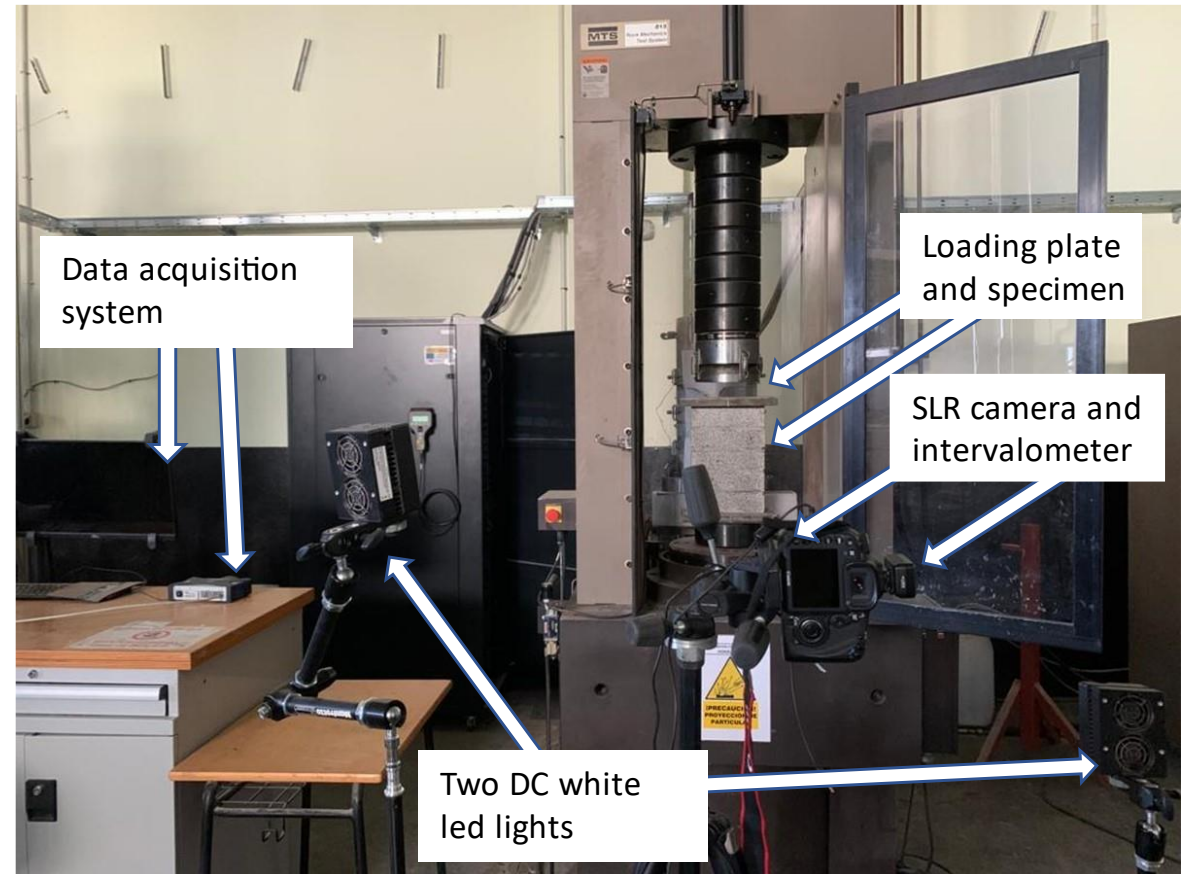
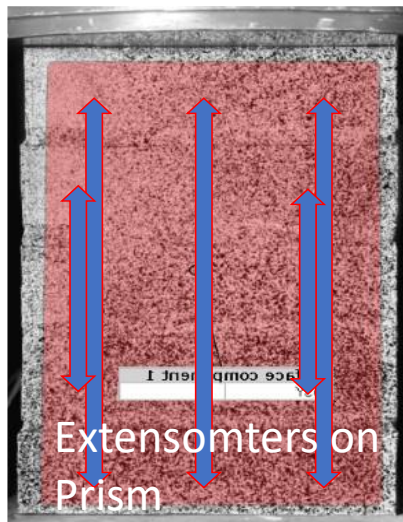


Specimens during for curing

All tests performed for masonry experimental campaign

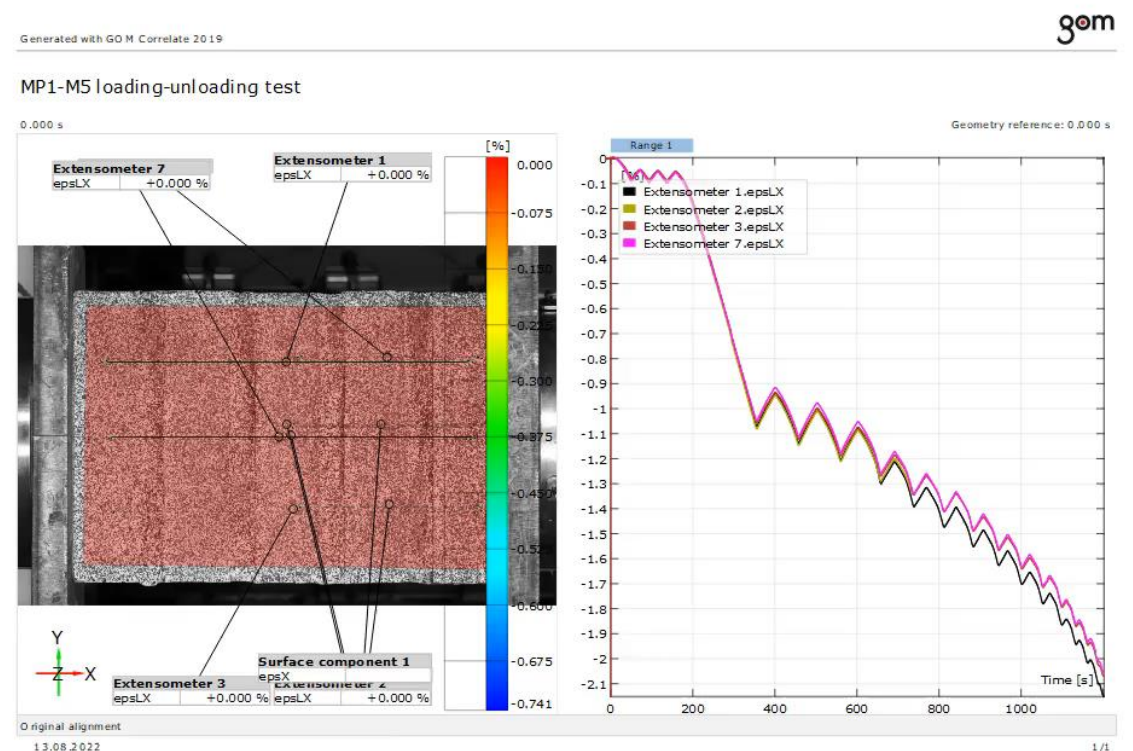
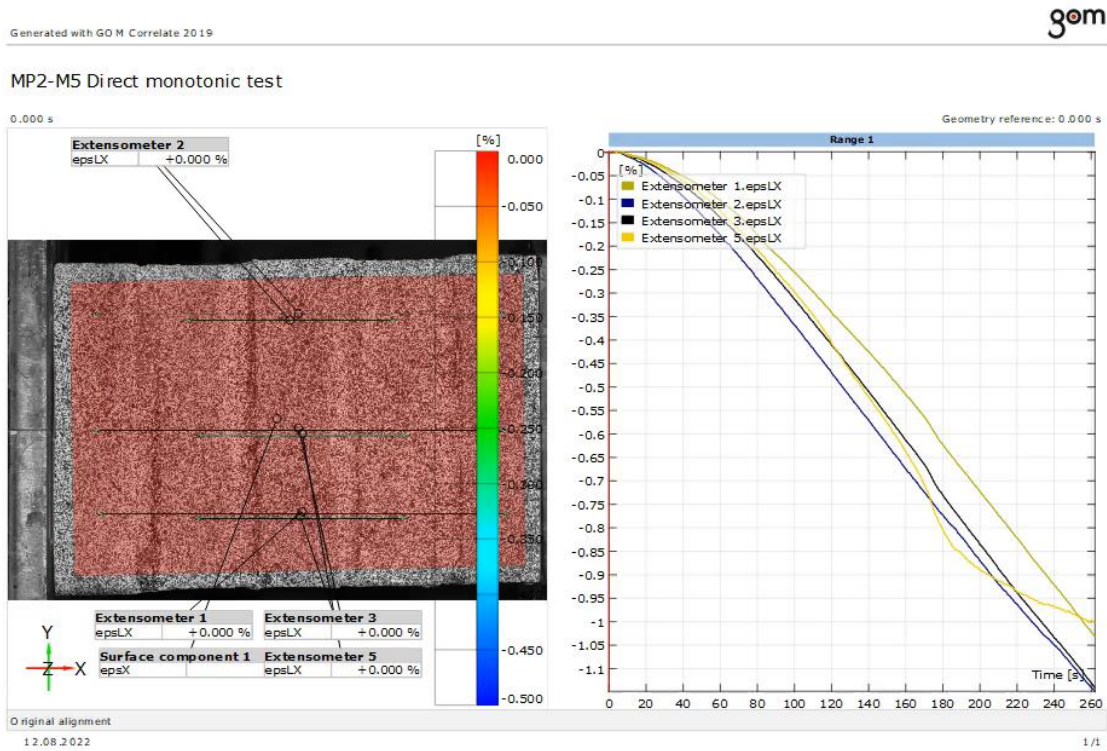
Specimen	Material	Dimension (mm ³)	Test Type	Specimen tested
Masonry Prism MP1	fired clay brick	50x100x220	Compressive monotonic test	10
			Compressive loading-unloading test	10
Masonry Prism MP2	fired clay brick	60x110x230	Compressive monotonic test	10
			Compressive loading-unloading test	10

Experimental setup



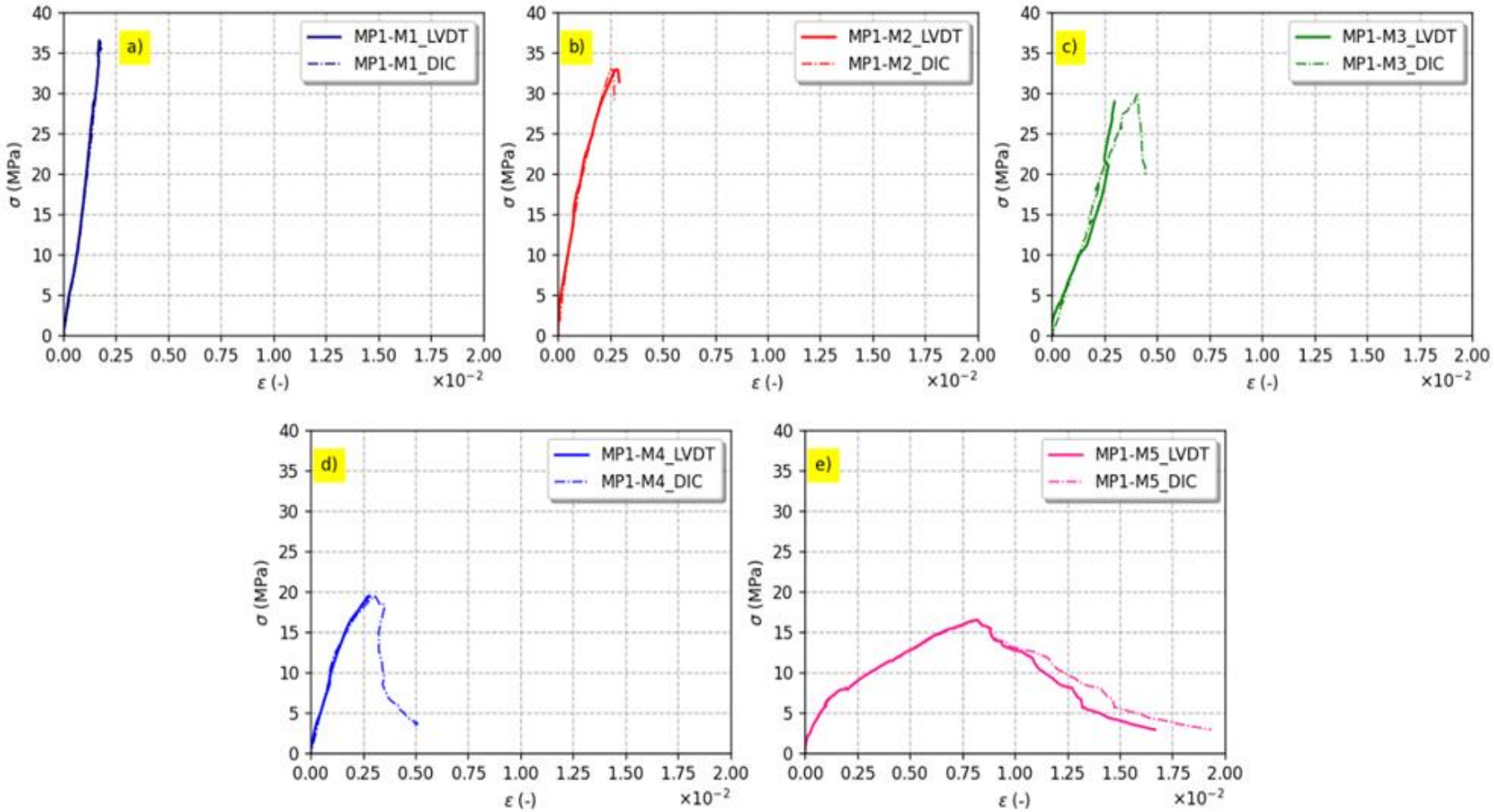
Masonry prism experimental setup

Post processing of masonry prisms

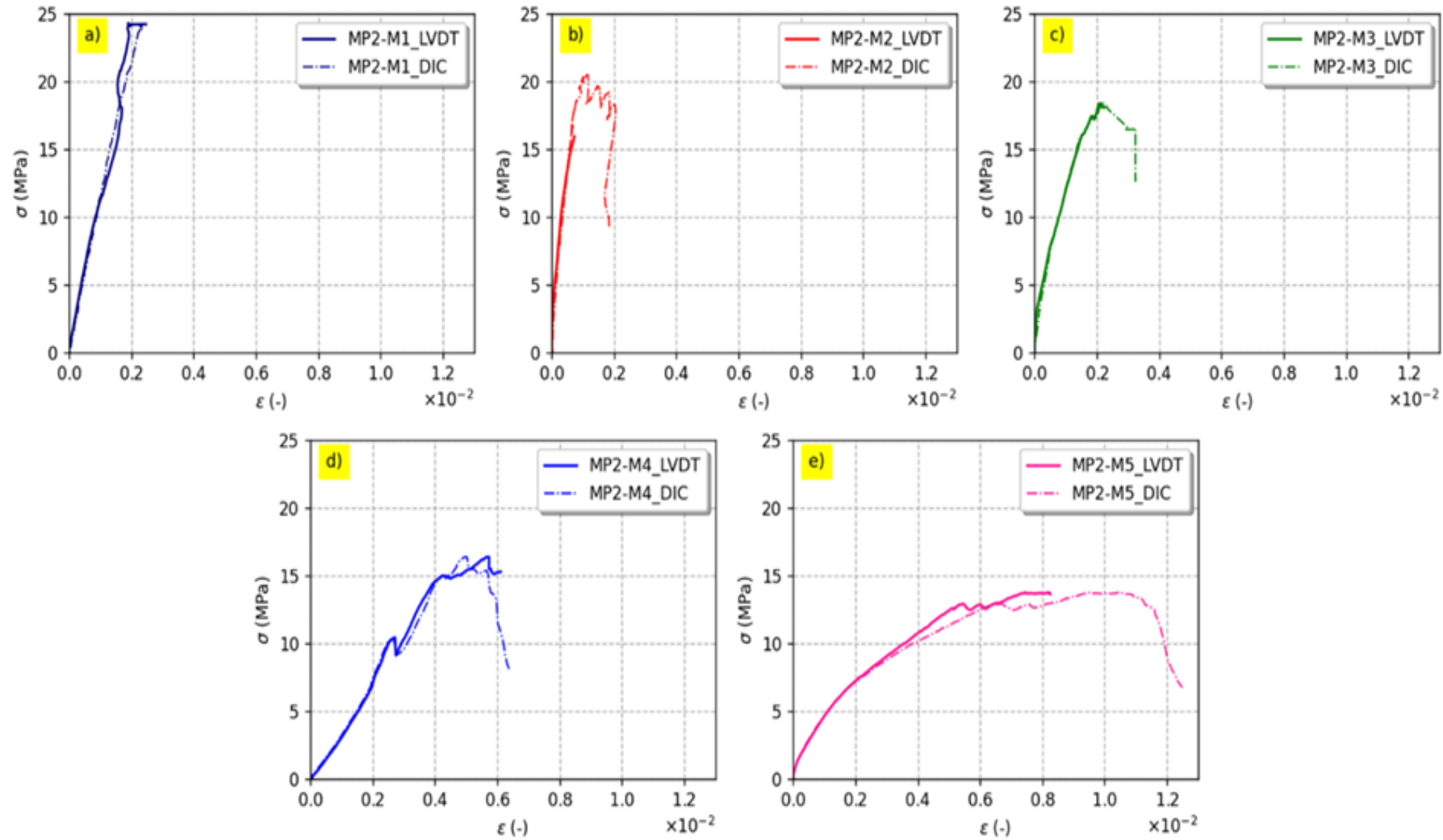


Images taken at 1Hz and 0.5Hz

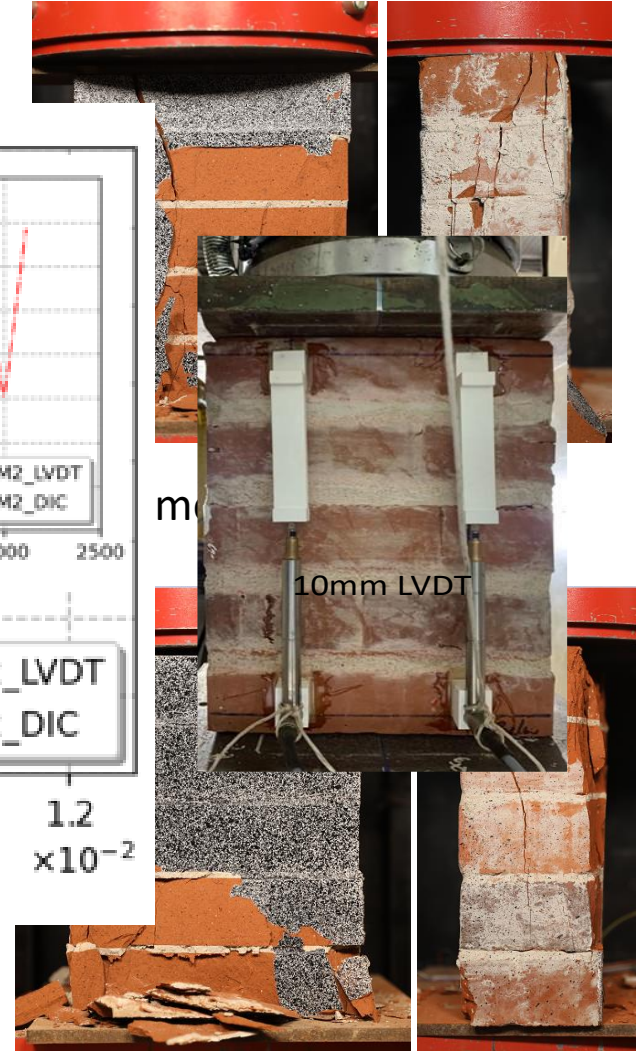
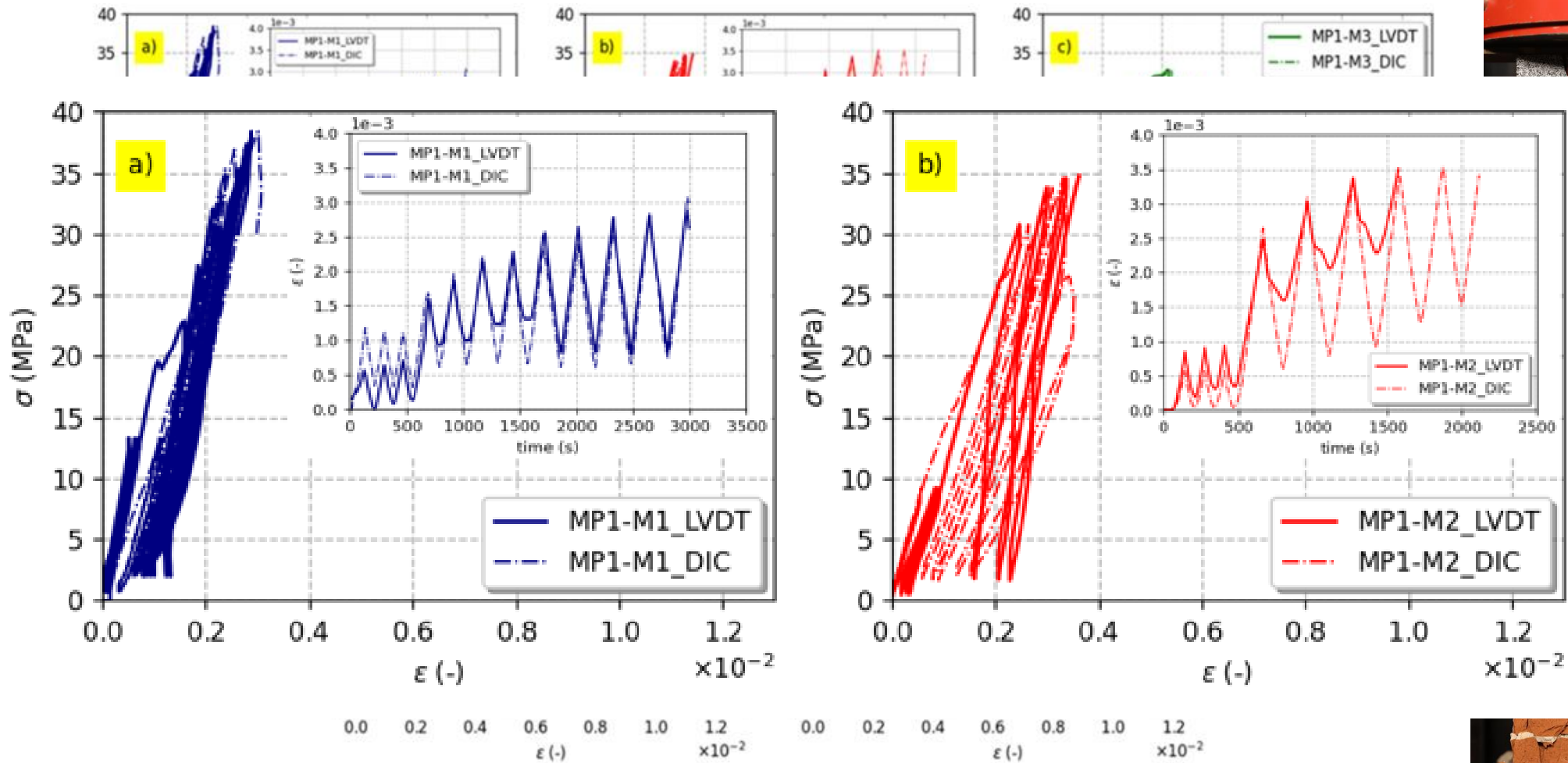
Stress-strain curve masonry direct test MP1



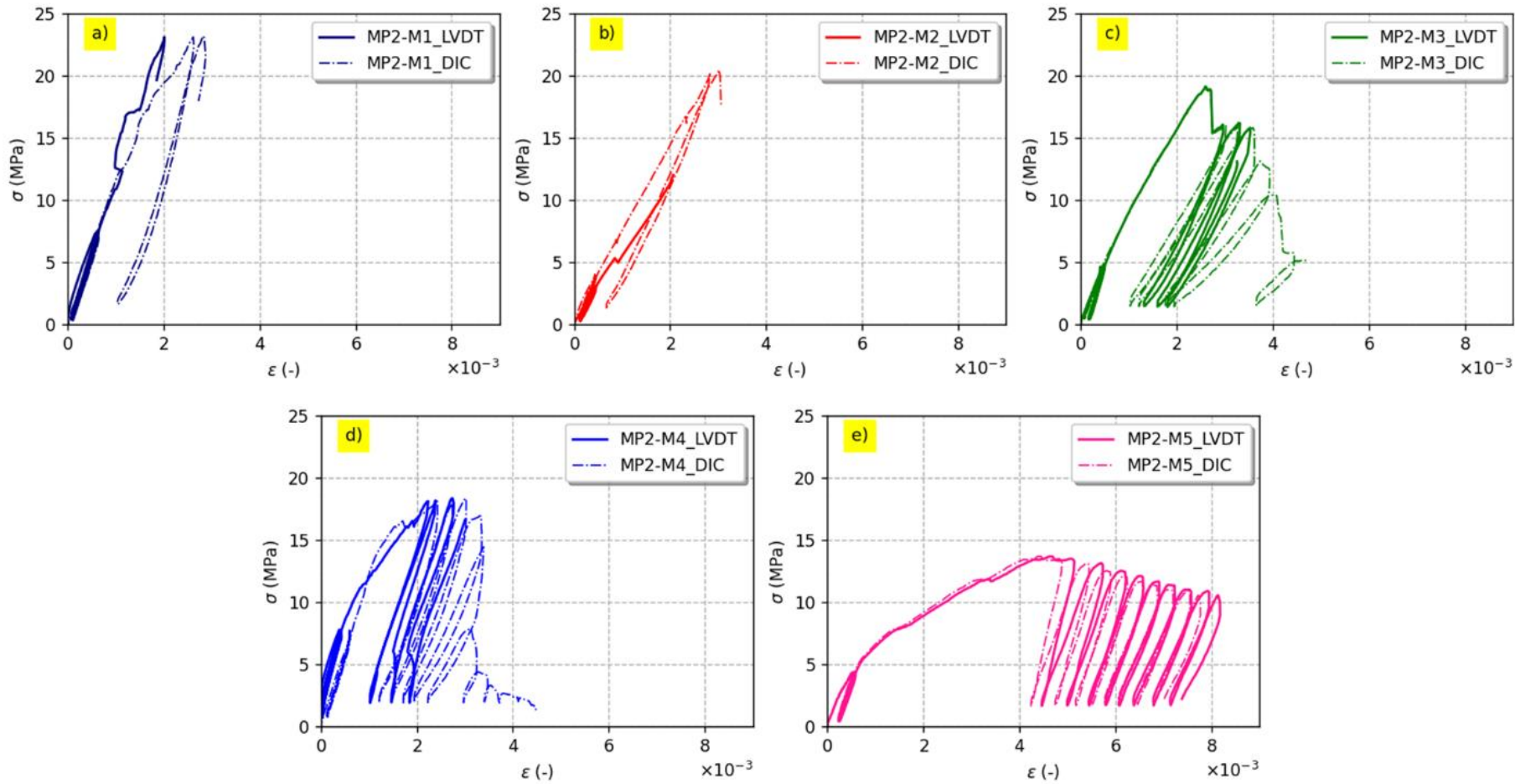
Stress-strain curve masonry direct test MP2



Stress-strain curve masonry loading-unloading test MP1



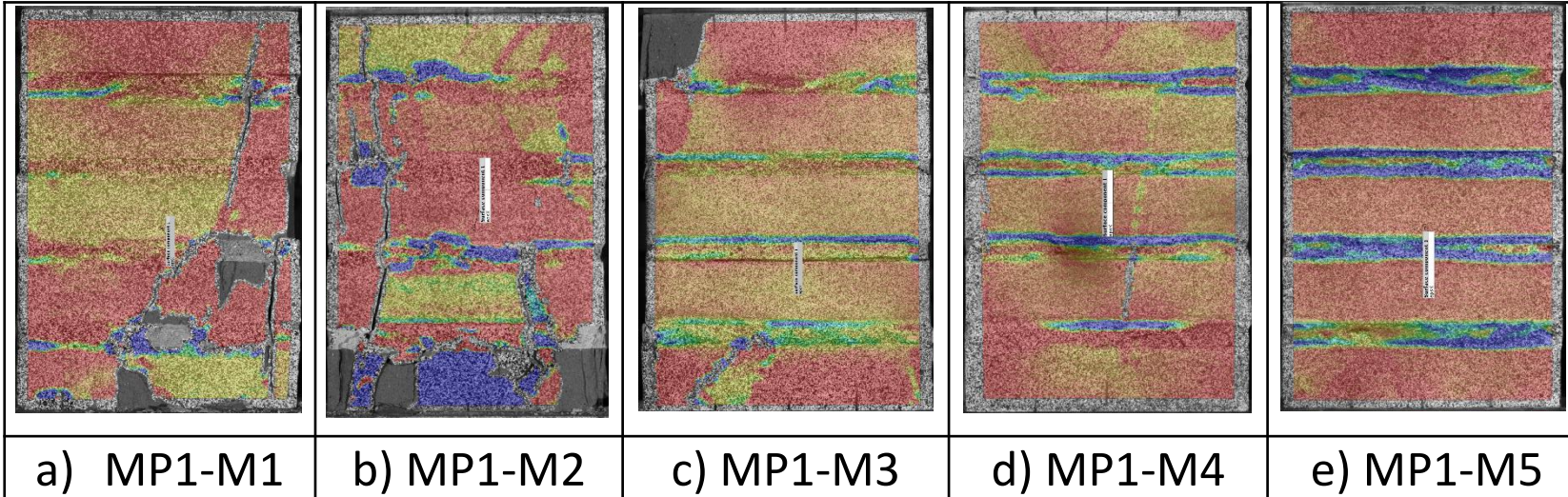
Stress-strain curve masonry loading-unloading test MP2



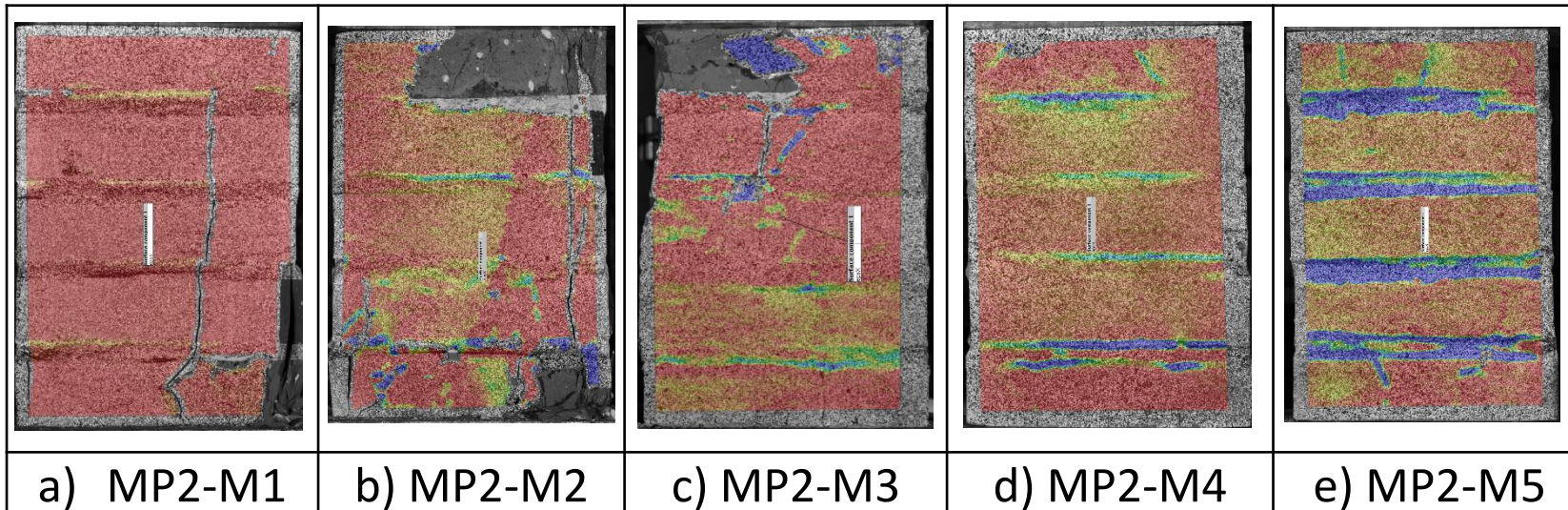
Specimen after test



Strain visualization at peak stress



- Spalling with higher cement ratio
- Spalling and strain localisation on cement-lime specimen
- Localisation of strains at joints with increase in lime contents

Mortar constituents

- M1-Cement 100% and lime 0%
- M2-Cement 70% and lime 30%
- M3-Cement 50% and lime 50%
- M4-Cement 30% and lime 70%
- M5-Cement 0% and lime 100%

Summary of mechanical properties on prisms

Specimen	MP1- M1	MP1- M2	MP1- M3	MP1- M4	MP1- M5	MP2- M1	MP2- M2	MP3- M3	MP4- M4	MP5- M5
f_m (MPa)	36.57	32.97	28.95	19.51	16.50	24.31	20.51	18.42	16.40	13.78
ϵ_{m-LVDT} (‰)	1.71	2.76	2.97	2.81	8.14	1.89	1.22	2.13	5.73	8.18
ϵ_{m-DIC} (‰)	1.77	2.53	3.79	3.05	8.18	2.27	1.12	2.22	5.02	10.4
E_{m-LVDT} (GPa)	17.89	14.58	8.13	8.66	4.09	12.25	24.97	11.17	8.66	4.17
E_{m-DIC} (GPa)	17.33	14.17	7.74	9.12	4.68	11.63	25.17	12.52	9.12	3.61

f_m : Max compressive strength

E_{m-LVDT} : Elastic modulus measured with LVDT

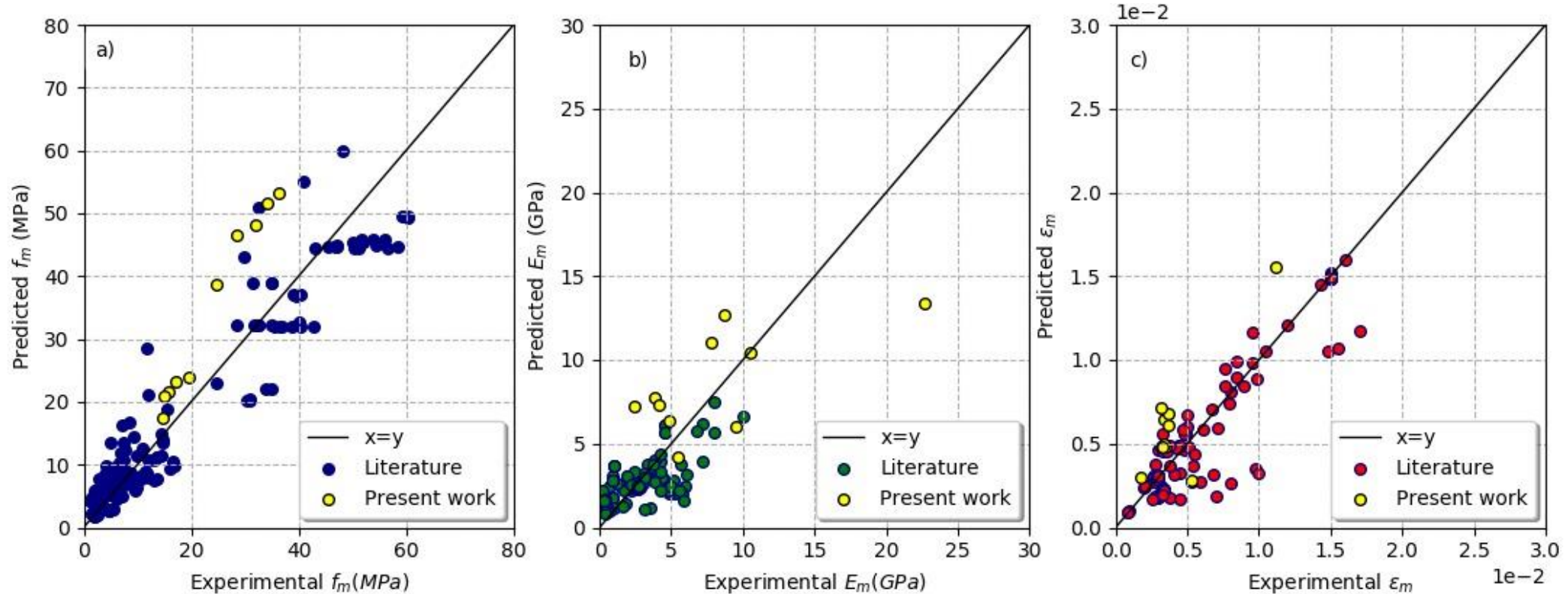
E_{m-DIC} : Elastic modulus measured with DIC

ϵ_{m-LVDT} : Peak strain measured with LVDT

ϵ_{m-DIC} : Peak strain measured with DIC

- MP1 higher f_m
- Reduction of E_m and increase of ϵ_m with reduction of f_m except MP1-M4 and MP2-M2
- Max difference of 20% between both techniques

Present work and data-base comparison



$$f_m = 0.09 f_b^{0.32} f_j^{1.22} \quad f_b \leq 20 \text{ MPa} \quad R^2=0.91$$

$$f_m = 1.90 f_b^{0.06} f_j^{0.79} \quad f_b > 20 \text{ MPa} \quad R^2=0.87$$

234 data points

$$E_m = 320 f_b^{0.63} f_j^{0.23} \quad R^2=0.56$$

157 data points

$$\epsilon_m = \frac{0.48 f_m}{f_j^{0.06} E_m^{0.84}} \quad R^2=0.79$$

141 data points

Masonry arches



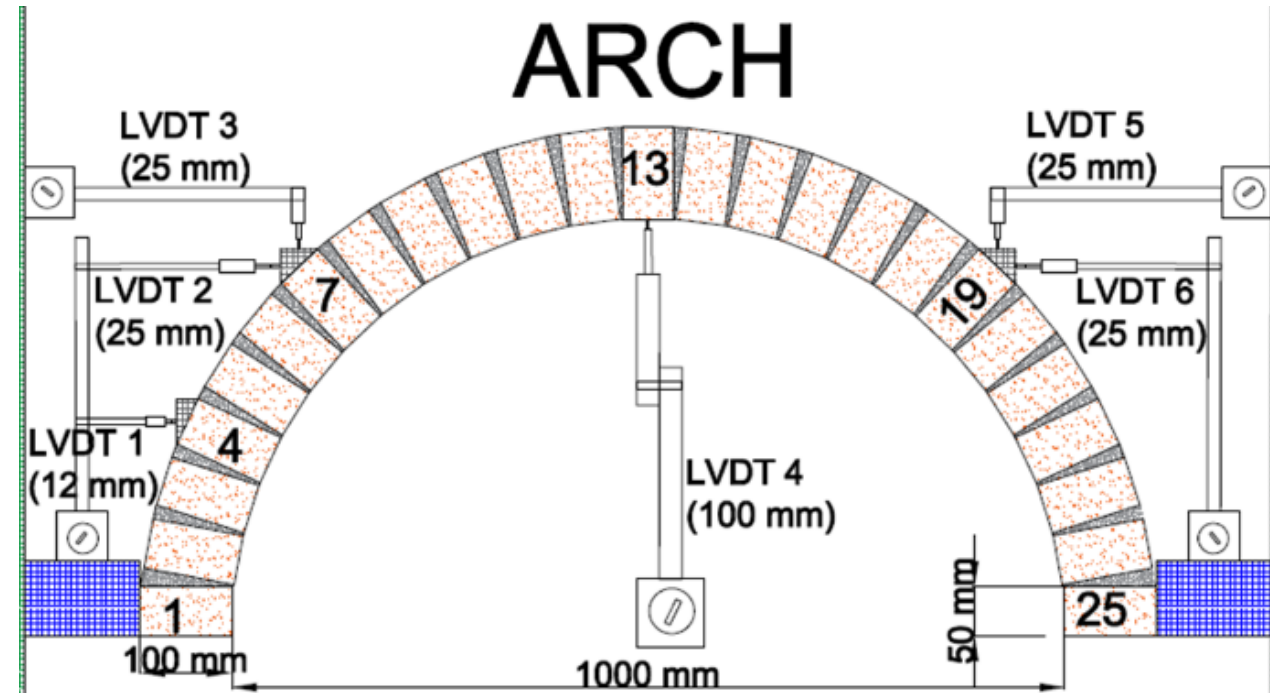
Formwork



After construction



Curing of masonry arches

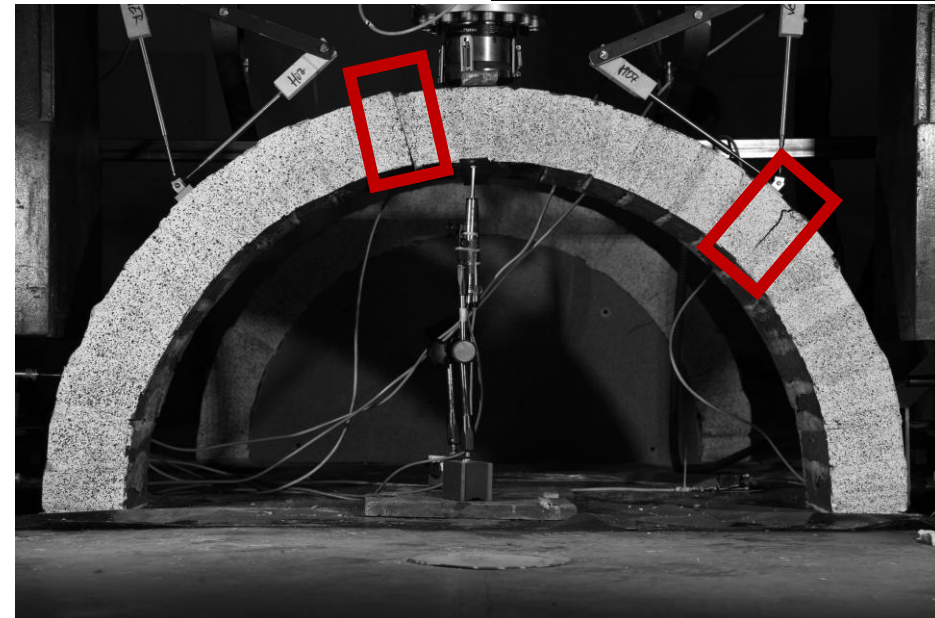
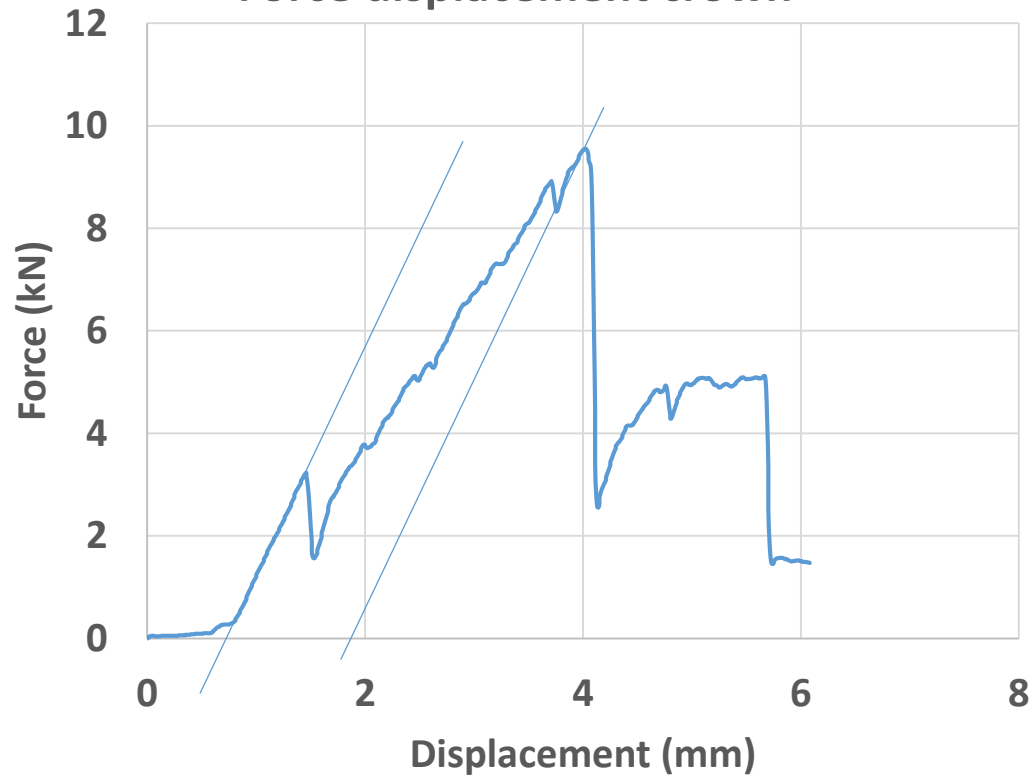


Experimental setup

First results on masonry arches

Masonry arch with 100%
cement (1st Analysis)

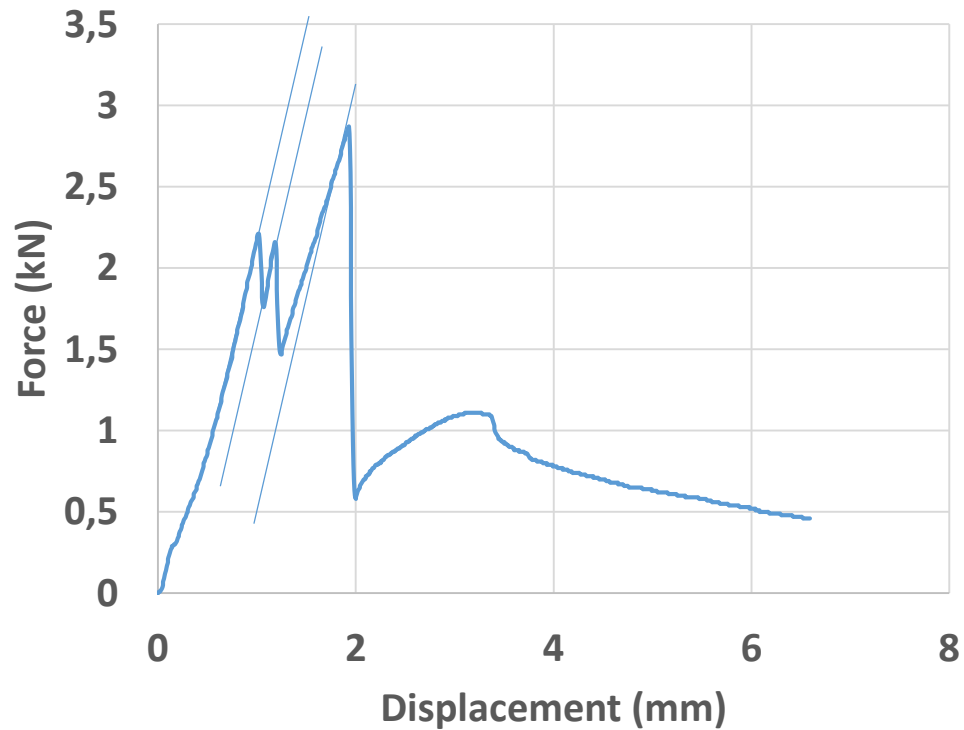
Force displacement crown



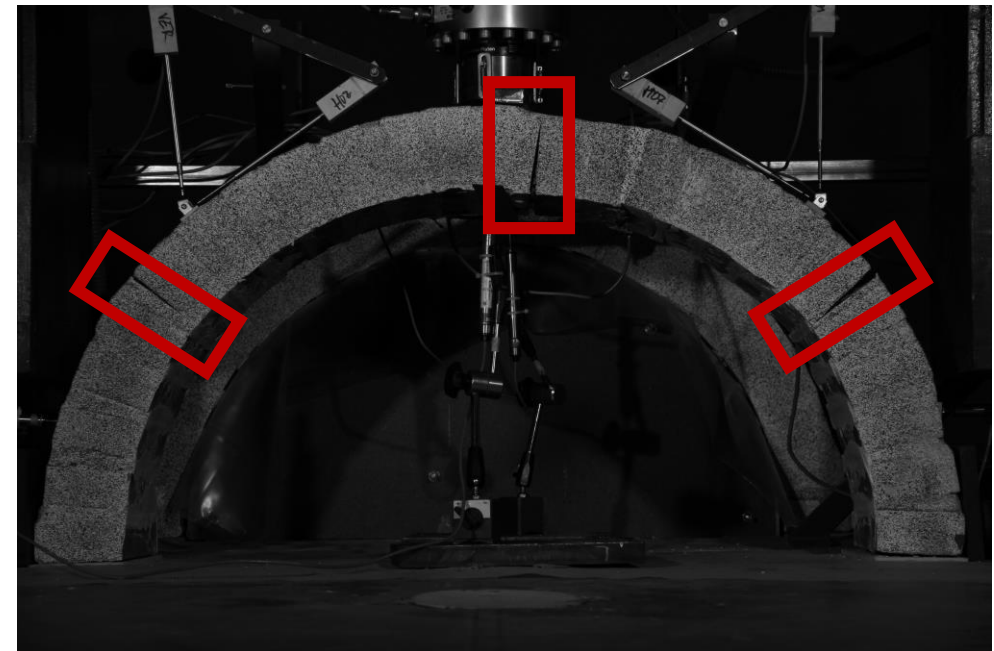
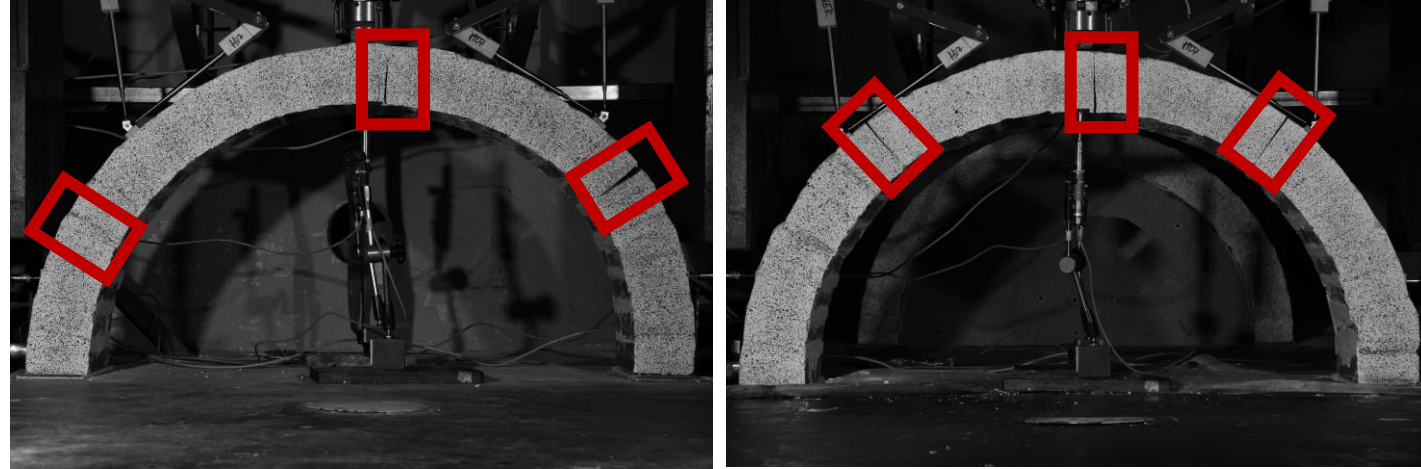
First results on masonry arches

Masonry arch with 100%
lime (1st Analysis)

Force vs Displacement crown



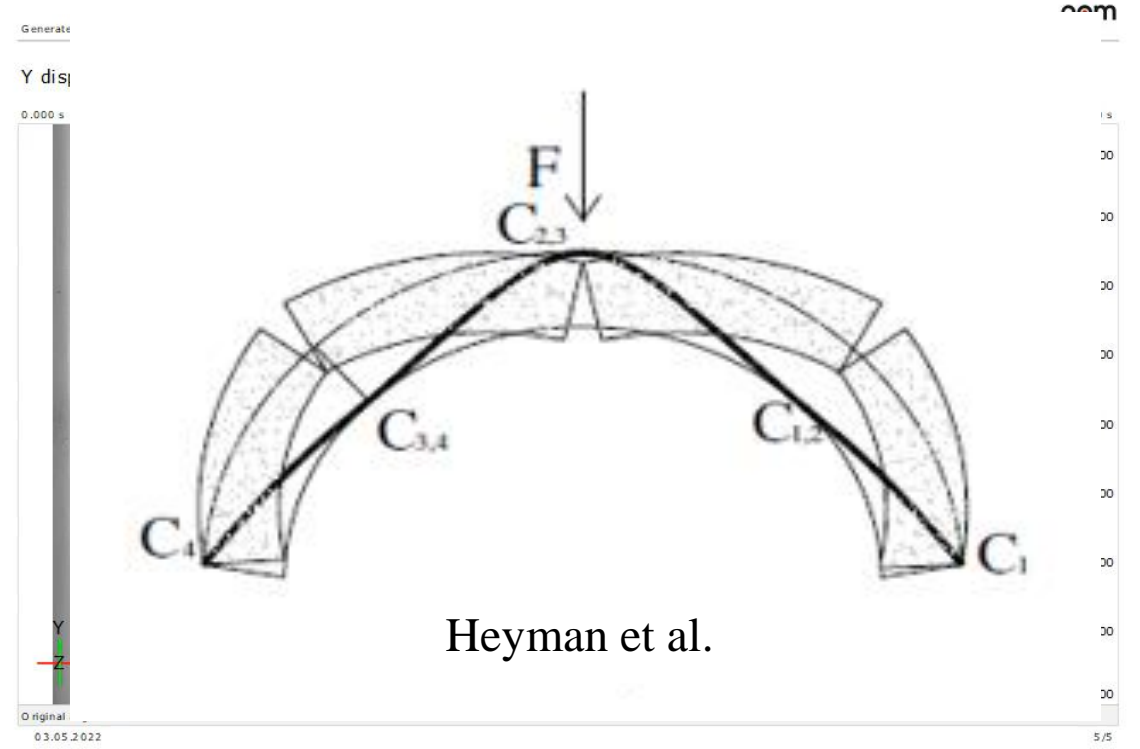
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First results on masonry arches



Max X-displacement = 31mm at brick 7



Max Y-displacement = 25mm at crown

More specimens to tested under dynamic loading

Conclusions

Possibility to characterise the full-scale behaviour of material.

Strong influence of masonry joint strength on masonry compressive strength

Proposition of new analytical equations for mechanical properties.

Possibility to characterise historical monuments where essential data is not available.

Perspectives

Characterisation of damage evolution in masonry arches with proposed models for numerical modelling

Validation of DIC technique in masonry arches under both static and dynamic behaviour.

Proposition of analytical model for damage analysis of concrete and masonry structures

Finalisation of experimental campaign on concrete and masonry

Scientific publications

1. Strain measurement using digital image correlation by I BELLO et al. (FIB Conference paper) *Published*
2. Constitutive behaviour of masonry prisms using a full-field measurement technique by I BELLO et al. (Structures journal)
3. Non-contact measurement of concrete under loading-unloading splitting test by I BELLO et al. (ICCE2022-Springer conference paper) *Accepted manuscript by springer*

Envisaged Publications

1. Damage computation of masonry structures by I BELLO et al.
2. Constitutive behaviour of masonry arches by I BELLO et al.



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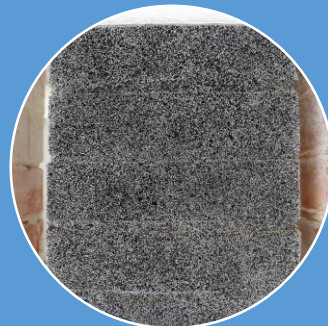
Questions and discussion!

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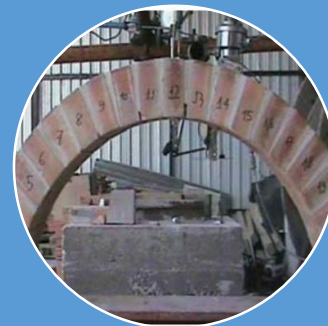
Thesis tasks



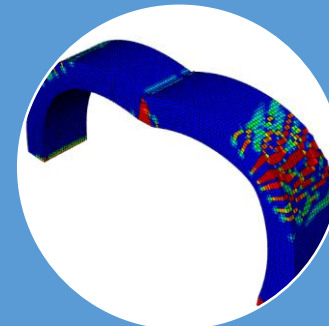
An adequate experimental characterization of masonry at the material and structural scale



The validation of 2D Digital Image Correlation (DIC) for strain and displacement measurements



Experimental campaigns on the static and dynamic behavior of curved masonry structures



Numerical and analytical modeling models considering the material nonlinearities for masonry structures

